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HONG KONG FOR DIDIR/INS

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT, WITH REGARD
TO THIRD COUNTRY REFERRAL, WHICH MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR
REFUGEES REGISTERED WITH UNHCR PRIOR FEB 1, 1978, WHO HAVE
NO CLOSE RELATIVES IN U.S., TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER IPP-78.

2. PARA 2, REFTTEL A STATES IN PART: "ALL REFUGEES REGISTERED WITH UNHCR BEFORE FEB 1, 1978...MAY BE CONSIDERED IMMEDIATELY FOR IPP-78." THIS CONTRADICTS EMBASSY'S INTERPRETATION OF PARA 7, REFTTEL B WHICH STATES: "REFUGEES, WILL THEREFORE NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR IPP-78 UNLESS THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT RESETTLEMENT IN ANY THIRD COUNTRY BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED." THE QUOTED PARAGRAPH REFERS TO REFUGEES REGISTERED WITH UNHCR PRIOR FEB 1, 1978, AND EMBASSY INTERPRETED IT TO MEAN REFUGEE MUST FIRST BE REFERRED TO AND NOT ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER IPP-78.

3. EMBASSY'S INTERPRETATION WAS SHARED BY DIDIR/INS HONG KONG IN REF C WHICH ADVISED EMBASSY THAT, "ALL BOAT CASE REFUGEES WITH CLOSE RELATIVES IN U.S. (AS DEFINED PARA 5 REFTTEL) AND RPT AND THOSE BOAT CASE REFUGEES REGISTERED WITH UNHCR PRIOR TO FEB. 1, 1978 WHOSE REQUEST FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN REJECTED SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED BY OFFICER WITHIN NEXT FE DAYS..."

4. IF PARA 7, REFTTEL B LITERALLY MEANS THAT REFUGEES REGISTERED WITH UNHCR PRIOR FEB 1, 1978, WITH NO CLOSE RELATIVE IN U.S., DO NOT HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO THIRD COUNTRIES BUT MUST BE "WILLING TO ACCEPT RESETTLEMENT IN ANY THIRD COUNTRY BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED," THERE WILL BE LITTLE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM THE PHILIPPINES UNDER IPP-78, SINCE THERE ARE FEW REFUGEES IN THE PHILIPPINES WILLING TO RESETTLE IN A
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COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE U.S.

5. EMBASSY HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED APRIL 1 AS NEXT INTERVIEWING DATE, AND A POTENTIAL 300 REFUGEES WITH REGISTRATION DATES PRIOR FEB 1, 1978 COULD BE CONSIDERED. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BE NON-ACCEPTANCE BY THIRD COUNTRY. PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IN ORDER THAT EMBASSY MAY ALERT UNHCR REP.

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